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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again, this is a minor clarifying amendment that Senator Jones and I have discussed. In Senator Jones' bill, which deals primarily with the question of what a quorum and what a majority is on the Niobrara Council, we had resolved upon the language that a quorum should be a majority of the members who are selected and serving and who vote on issues before the council. In order to clarify that portion that has to do with...and who votes before the council, this amendment goes back into the portion of the council that is the subject of concern here. On page 2 of the bill, in line 13, it provides that two of the sixteen members of the council shall be representatives of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. There's some question as to whether the courts and/or the agencies will allow those two members to be voting members of the council, so what I'm adding to that paragraph is language that simply says, "The appointments under this subdivision shall be nonvoting members unless and until the agencies represented by these appointees formally authorize such appointees to vote on all matters before the council." So that they will need to send a letter to the council indicating that these members are, in fact, now voting members and then, once that's done, it becomes clear what the quorum and the majority provisions mean. And in order to...well, I think it...I think...I hope that explains it and I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jones, you're recognized.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, and thank you, Senator Beutler. It does clarify it a little better because he put it in the paragraph right under the ones dealing with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the representative from the National Park Service--the two people that's on the board that there's a question about their voting. And quick as it's settled in court, so the judge gives them permission, they'll be back voting members again. When that happens, well, it will go back to the normal. But the way it is right now, there's sixteen members there and if there's only fourteen of them that can vote, well, then in order to have a majority of that you got to have eight. And so even if one member is not being replaced on